

Listing and Amendment of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying on a television apparatus, content information associated with peripheral devices interconnected with the television apparatus via a digital serial bus, the method comprising:

tuning, by the television apparatus, to a currently selected input source that is not connected to the digital serial bus;

receiving, by the television apparatus, and while the television apparatus is tuned to the currently selected input source, a user request to view content information associated with a selected peripheral device interconnected to the television apparatus via the digital serial bus;

~~obtaining~~ retrieving, by the television apparatus from the selected peripheral device, responsive to said user request, the content information of the selected peripheral device ~~regardless of whether the selected peripheral device is the currently selected input source for the television apparatus~~ via the digital serial bus; and

displaying, by the television apparatus, the ~~received~~ retrieved content information for the selected peripheral device while the television apparatus is tuned to the currently selected input source, wherein the ~~received~~ retrieved content information is displayed on a content display uniquely associated with the selected peripheral device.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital serial bus is an IEEE 1394 compliant serial bus.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
in response to a second user input, obtaining, by the television apparatus, content information from a second selected peripheral device; and
displaying, by the television apparatus, the received content information of the second selected peripheral device.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the content information comprises table of content information for programs stored on a storage medium of the selected peripheral device.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the table of content information is displayed on the television apparatus on a per peripheral device basis.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
allowing by the television apparatus, a user to cycle through a loop of peripheral devices interconnected to the television apparatus.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
allowing by the television apparatus, a user to manipulate the displayed content information in response to user input received by the television apparatus.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein manipulation includes moving through the content information, deleting the content information, and playing selected programs.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying on a digital television apparatus, table of content information associated with a peripheral device interconnected with the digital television apparatus via an IEEE 1394 bus, the method comprising:

tuning, by the digital television apparatus, to a currently selected input source that is not connected to the IEEE 1394 bus;

providing, ~~[[on]]~~ by the digital television apparatus in response to a first user input to the digital television apparatus, a menu allowing a user to request viewing of table of content information of a selected peripheral device interconnected to the digital television apparatus via the IEEE 1394 bus, the option provided by the digital television apparatus ~~regardless of whether the selected peripheral device is the currently selected~~

~~input source for the digital television apparatus~~ while the digital television apparatus is tuned to the currently selected input source;

establishing, by the digital television apparatus, responsive to said user request, communication between the digital television apparatus and the selected peripheral device via the IEEE 1394 bus, without tuning, by the digital television apparatus, to the selected peripheral device;

obtaining, by the digital television apparatus via the established IEEE 1394 bus, table of content information associated with a storage medium of the selected peripheral device; and

displaying, by the digital television apparatus, the received table of content information for the selected peripheral device while the digital television apparatus is tuned to the currently selected input source, wherein the received content information is displayed on a content display uniquely associated with the selected peripheral device.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

detecting connection of the selected peripheral device to the IEEE 1394 bus, and upon detection, obtaining the table of content information from the selected peripheral device.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

in response to a second user input,

establishing communication between the digital television apparatus and a second selected peripheral device via the IEEE 1394 serial bus;

obtaining by the digital television apparatus, table of content information associated with a storage medium of the second selected peripheral device; and

displaying by the digital television apparatus, the received table of content information from the second selected peripheral device.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the table of content information of the selected peripheral device includes one or more of title, time created,

total track time, current track time, artist, genre, and program description for each track of table of content data.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

allowing by the digital television apparatus, a user to cycle through a loop of peripheral devices interconnected to the television apparatus via the IEEE 1394 serial bus without tuning, by the digital television apparatus, to the selected peripheral device.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

allowing by the digital television apparatus, a user to manipulate the displayed content data in response to user input received by the digital television apparatus including moving through the table of content information, deleting table of content information, and playing a selected program.

15. (Currently Amended) A digital television apparatus, comprising:

(a) means for tuning to a currently selected input source that is not connected to a digital serial bus;

(b) means for receiving a user request to view table of content information associated with a selected peripheral device interconnected to the digital television apparatus via a digital serial bus while the digital television apparatus tunes the currently selected input source;

(c) means for obtaining from the selected peripheral device, responsive to said user request, table of content information of the selected peripheral device ~~regardless of whether the selected peripheral device is the currently selected input source for the television apparatus~~; and

(d) means for displaying the received table of content information for the selected peripheral device while the digital television apparatus is tuned to the currently selected input source, wherein the received content information is displayed on a content display uniquely associated with the selected peripheral device.

16. (Previously Presented) The digital television apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

(e) means for allowing a user to cycle through a loop of peripheral devices interconnected on the digital serial bus for viewing of table of content information associated with a selected one of the peripheral devices without tuning, by the digital television apparatus, to the selected peripheral device.

17. (Previously Presented) The digital television apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

(f) means for allowing a user to manipulate the displayed table of content information in response to user input received by the digital television apparatus.

18. (Previously Presented) The digital television apparatus of claim 17, wherein manipulation includes moving through the table of content information, deleting table of content information, and playing a selected program.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the content information was obtained from PSIP data associated with the program data stream.

20. (Previously Presented) The digital television apparatus of claim 15, wherein the content information was obtained from PSIP data associated with the program data stream.